

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A closed drainage device comprising:
  - a pre-evacuated chamber;
  - a drainage tube connecting the pre-evacuated chamber to a needle; and
  - a clamp attached to the connecting tube, wherein the clamp is in a first position that maintains the vacuum of the pre-evacuated chamber and has a second position that does not maintain the vacuum of the pre-evacuated chamber.
2. (Original) A closed drainage device according to Claim 1, wherein the clamp is a sliding clamp.
3. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the pre-evacuated chamber is sterile.
4. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the pre-evacuated chamber has a pressure of up to 500mm Hg.
5. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the pre-evacuated chamber has a volume of 25cc, 50cc, 100cc, 300cc, 600cc or 1200cc.

6. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein at least a portion of the pre-evacuated chamber is cylindrical.

7. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein at least a portion of the pre-evacuated chamber is coiled and/or folded.

8. (Original) A closed drainage device according to Claim 7, wherein at least a portion of the pre-evacuated chamber is coiled and/or folded into the form of a "catherine wheel".

9. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the at least one wall of the pre-evacuated chamber is corrugated.

10. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the at least one wall of the pre-evacuated chamber is made of plastic.

11. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the pre-evacuated chamber has a vacuum port.

12. (Original) A closed drainage device according to Claim 11, wherein the vacuum port is a plug.

13. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding claim 1~~, wherein the pre-evacuated chamber has an access port.

14. (Original) A closed drainage device according to Claim 13, wherein the access port is a tap.

15. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the needle is a gauge needle.

16. (Original) A closed drainage device according to Claim 15, wherein the gauge needle is a 19 gauge.

17. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~Claims 1 to 14~~ claim 1, wherein the needle is a venflon needle.

18. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~Claims 1 to 14~~ claim 1, wherein the needle is a butterfly needle.

19. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the needle has a Luer Lock fitting.

20. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the drainage tube is connected to the needle by a Luer-Lock.

21. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding claim\_1~~, wherein the drainage tube is connected to the pre-evacuated chamber by a Luer-Lock.

22. (Presently Amended) A closed drainage device according to ~~any preceding claim\_1~~, wherein the drainage tube is connected to the pre-evacuated chamber at manufacture.

23. (Canceled).